

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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URANIUM PRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of uranium produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to double the production of Uranium in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) It is not in the public interest to disclose information on the quantity of uranium produced in the country.
- (b) In order to meet the enhanced requirement of uranium for the country's nuclear power programme, UCIL has embarked upon a massive expansion programme to augment its production capacity substantially.
- (c) & (d) UCIL, a public sector undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy besides operating five mines at Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih & Banduhurang and two processing plants at Jaduguda and Turamdih proposes to set up two mines at Bagjata and Mohuldih all in Jharkhand. Construction activities have commenced for setting up a mine and processing plant at Tummalapalle in the Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. In addition, pre-project activities have commenced for taking up projects at Lambapur-Peddagattu in Andhra Pradesh and Mawthabab in Meghalaya and Gogi in Karnataka. These projects will be taken up after receipt of all statutory clearances and after the investment decision is taken by the Government.